

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Christopher Eusebi on 1/13/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, lines 1-8, "Retaining clip for simultaneous fastening of a plurality of approximately parallel-running, elongate articles to a structure, having a base part, in which receivers for the elongate articles are formed, having first and second generally parallel partitions between two such receivers, the receivers comprise a front side and a rear side; and at least one first latching finger coupled to the first partition at the front side and at least one second latching finger coupled to the second partition at the rear side of the receiver," has been changed to ---Retaining clip for simultaneous fastening of a plurality of approximately parallel-running, elongate articles to a structure, having a base part, wherein the base part having top side, bottom side, end sides, front side and rear side, comprising receivers for retaining the elongate articles, having first and second extending upwardly and generally parallel partitions mounted on top side of the base part and between two receivers, wherein the receivers having U-shaped extending from front side and rear side of the base part; and at least one first latching finger coupled to the first partition at one side facing toward to one of the receivers adjacent the front side and at least

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one second latching finger coupled to the second partition at the other side facing toward to the other receiver adjacent rear side of the receiver,---;

Claim 12, lines 1-6, “Retaining clip for simultaneous fastening of a plurality of approximately parallel-running, elongate articles to a structure comprising: a base part, defining a plurality of receivers for the elongate articles, each receiver having at least one partition between two such receivers, each partition having a front and a rear side and having at least one first pair of latching fingers at the front side and at least one pair of second latching fingers at the rear side of the partition;” has been changed to ---Retaining clip for simultaneous fastening of a plurality of approximately parallel-running, elongate articles to a structure comprising: a base part having front side, rear side, end sides, top side and bottom side, comprising a plurality of u-shaped receivers extending between the front side and rear side of the base part for retaining the elongate articles, each receiver having at least one partition between two such receivers, each partition having a front and a rear surfaces and having at least one first pair of latching fingers at the front surface and at least one pair of second latching fingers at the rear surface of the partition---;

Claim 12, lines 14-16, “said partition being formed of a first offset portion and a second offset portion, the first and second offset partitions being connected by an elbow along full sides of the first and second partitions” has been changed to ---said partition further comprises a first offset portion and a second offset portion disposed on top side of the base part and wherein the first offset portion is disposed adjacent front side of the base part and the second offset portion is disposed adjacent rear side of the base part, the first and second offset partitions being connected by an elbow along full sides of the first and second partitions.---;

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Claim 14, line 2, "the partition has an opening in the form of a slot" has been changed to -  
--the partitions have an opening therebetween in the form of a slot---.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-2, 4, 6-12, 14 and 16-17 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alfred Joseph Wujciak III whose telephone number is (571) 272-6827. The examiner can normally be reached on 8am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. Allen Shriver can be reached on 571-272-6698. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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